

On the Snooping Trail-

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The martini with a transmitter in its olive is an elegant piece of gear, but complicated and expensive. The sober snooper, the man seeking economy, simplicity and all-around utility, might prefer a slick new beeping Tom that was shown recently to a Senate investigator.

The device was discovered earlier and tape-recorded, nestled in the mouthpiece of a pay phone outside a 7-11 device can be slipped into Fensterwald, who is chief market in Miami. Who made the mouthpiece. Although it counsel for the Senate In-

was there — the answers to shaped standard part, it has a questions like these were not tiny, two-transistor transmitter determined.

But so long as the gadget was there, the words of every hard Fensterwald Jr., found person who spoke on that most disturbing was that the phone (and with a swift, mi-transmitter was powered not nor adjustment of persons by a battery, which has the who spoke in the vicinity of decency to wear out after a the phone would be broad-time, but by the phone cir-

Tom that was shown recently cast for about a city block cut itself and could be heard in a room.

The device can be produced cheaply in quantity — for perhaps \$5 each, according to Fensterwald, who is chief market in Miami. Who made the mouthpiece. Although it counsel for the Senate In-

ministrative Practice and Procedure.

It is but one of many increasingly sophisticated pieces of snooping gear that concern the Subcommittee, headed by Sen. Edward V. Long (D-Mo.), in its continuing investigation of invasions of privacy.

Until now, the Subcommittee has concentrated on snooping by Government agencies — the Post Office Department, the Food and Drug Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.

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Is Next Probe Target

The investigation of Government eavesdropping will continue indefinitely, one concern being the extent of complicity with the recent clampdown ordered by President Johnson. More revelations about IRS and FDA procedures are expected.

"I don't want to say any agency in the Government will not be looked at," Long said in an interview.

Meanwhile, H. G. Homme, assistant counsel to the Sub-

committee, is preparing for hearings possibly around the end of the year, on industrial snooping.

Plans already have been made to summon several private detectives, including former FBI agents. Retainers should be in the range of \$30,000 a year, questions as how much is being spent for industrial espionage, what it does to business ethics and morale, and whether it would be successful pipeline companies, airlines, airplane makers and distillers.

Sen. Long pointed out that the justifications often offered for Federal eavesdropping — sophistication and economy of means — is the ultimate in disposal.

getting at organized industrial spying common place.

Perhaps symbolizing the suspicious atmosphere of today is an advertisement for a "security crematory" in last April's issue of "Industrial Security."

"Cremate for top secret security," the headline on the full-page magazine ad advises. "Reduction to an unphotographable white ash that makes even partial reconstruction of classified documents impossible is the ultimate in disposal."